

**Duties and Responsibilities  
of the  
State Administration and Veterans' Affairs Interim Committee  
Pursuant to the Montana Code Annotated**

- 5-5-215. Duties of interim committees.** (1) Each interim committee shall:
- (a) review administrative rules within its jurisdiction;
  - (b) subject to 5-5-217(3), conduct interim studies as assigned;
  - (c) monitor the operation of assigned executive branch agencies with specific attention to the following:
    - (i) identification of issues likely to require future legislative attention;
    - (ii) opportunities to improve existing law through the analysis of problems experienced with the application of the law by an agency; and
    - (iii) experiences of the state's citizens with the operation of an agency that may be amenable to improvement through legislative action;
  - (d) review proposed legislation of assigned agencies or entities as provided in the joint legislative rules; and
  - (e) accumulate, compile, analyze, and furnish information bearing upon its assignment and relevant to existing or prospective legislation as it determines, on its own initiative, to be pertinent to the adequate completion of its work.
- (2) Each interim committee shall prepare bills and resolutions that, in its opinion, the welfare of the state may require for presentation to the next regular session of the legislature.
- (3) The legislative services division shall keep accurate records of the activities and proceedings of each interim committee.

**5-5-228. State administration and veterans' affairs interim committee.** (1) The state administration and veterans' affairs interim committee has administrative rule review, draft legislation review, program evaluation, and monitoring functions for the public employee retirement plans and for the following executive branch agencies and the entities attached to the agencies for administrative purposes:

- (a) department of administration;
  - (b) department of military affairs; and
  - (c) office of the secretary of state.
- (2) The committee shall:
- (a) consider the actuarial and fiscal soundness of the state's public employee retirement systems, based on reports from the teachers' retirement board, the public employees' retirement board, and the board of investments, and study and evaluate the equity and benefit structure of the state's public employee retirement systems;
  - (b) establish principles of sound fiscal and public policy as guidelines;
  - (c) as necessary, develop legislation to keep the retirement systems consistent with sound policy principles;

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(d) solicit and review proposed statutory changes to any of the state's public employee retirement systems;

(e) report to the legislature on each legislative proposal reviewed by the committee. The report must include but is not limited to:

(i) a summary of the fiscal implications of the proposal;

(ii) an analysis of the effect that the proposal may have on other public employee retirement systems;

(iii) an analysis of the soundness of the proposal as a matter of public policy;

(iv) any amendments proposed by the committee; and

(v) the committee's recommendation on whether the proposal should be enacted by the legislature.

(f) attach the committee's report to any proposal that the committee considered and that is or has been introduced as a bill during a legislative session; and

(g) publish, for legislators' use, information on the state's public employee retirement systems.

(3) The committee may:

(a) specify the date by which proposals affecting a retirement system must be submitted to the committee for the review contemplated under subsection (2)(d); and

(b) request personnel from state agencies, including boards, political subdivisions, and the state public employee retirement systems, to furnish any information and render any assistance that the committee may request.